IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Examiner: A. Christensen

ATSUSHI OHTANI, ET AL.

Group Art Unit: 2712

Application No. 08/878,581

Filed: June 19, 1997

For: IMAGE SENSING APPARATUS

AND METHOD

November 8, 2000

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated June 21, 2000 for two months from September 21, 2000 to November 21, 2000.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$390.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

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Applicants'undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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